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Unmanned Aircraft Policy for Ohio State Football Games

For awareness and prevention, the Columbus Division of Police would like to provide information prior to the start of the Ohio State football season on the operation of small unmanned aircrafts around Ohio Stadium. This information is to educate pilots.

All individuals operating small unmanned aircrafts are required to follow applicable state and local laws, as well as FAA regulations. During Ohio State football games, the FAA places a temporary flight restriction (TFR) extending three miles around the stadium. This TFR may not be displayed on the B4UFLY app, but it is enforceable and restricts flights around the stadium.

Drone (UAS) operations near Ohio Stadium while a TFR is in place are prohibited. Individuals caught operating a small unmanned aircraft in violation of FAA regulations, flying in an unsafe manner, or flying without proper certification may be subject to arrest, prosecution, and the collection of the UAS as evidence. Additional information can be acquired concerning the requirements of pilots operating as recreational flyers or operating with a Part 107 permit, by reviewing FAA guidance and publications:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_flyers

Anyone seeking to operate a UAS on an Ohio State University campus at any time must have advance approval from the University. More information can be found online:

<https://busfin.osu.edu/university-business/risk-management/unmanned-aircraft-system-uas>

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